

# JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

## Vacation Days Are Over and The City Calls

DEAR SUSAN,

There's a nip in the air that's distinctly unusual for the first half of September and consequently many vacations—even the belated ones brought about by the hot wave of mid-August—are being brought to an early close. Somehow, nobody wants to stay away from Washington any longer than necessary these days.

However, the return of the vacation of holiday makers is doing little enough in the way of stirring up social activity. Those who are back are busy setting their houses in order for the winter, there are servants to be engaged, children to be made ready for school, autumn wardrobes to be put in order, and a dozen other matters to be attended to.

During the last week, moreover, there were no foreign missions to be entertained and what festivities there were on the program were distinctly informal in character. Even the dinner parties and luncheons in honor of Mrs. Nelson Morris, American minister to Sweden, and Mrs. Morris were entirely unofficial, although the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand and the minister of Sweden, Mr. Ekengren, were among those who gave parties for them.

Before leaving for Boston on Friday the Morris family gave a series of dinners at Cliveden, the Charles W. Richardson place, which they are occupying during their stay in this country, and they, too, were pleasantly informal. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing were the honor guests at one; the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels at another, and at a third the list of guests was headed by the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane.

Lansing's Executive Guests at Dinner.

Secretary and Mrs. Lansing had guests dining with them one evening, but the party was by no means a function, just one of the little dinners Mrs. Lansing likes to give at least once a week when she is in town, gathering about her a few of her close friends, a little group of officials whose wives are away, and perhaps one or two of the prominent women, like Mrs. Baker, Mrs. John W. Davis, wife of the Solicitor General, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is not in town now, but that's beside the point—whose husbands are overseas on important errands for the Government.

Mrs. Baker, by the way, has been much occupied all week with her charming guests, the little Japanese prima donna, Mme. Tamaki, Mrs. Humphreys, Camp Leach at the American University, the Walter Reed Hospital, and the Dunbar High School, where they sang for "Young Black Joe," as Mrs. Cobb aptly dubbed our colored troops; winding up with a brief recital at the United Service Club of America on Friday evening.

On each occasion Mrs. Baker played Mme. Murat's accompaniments, and once or twice, as at the recital at Dunbar High School, she divided the program with her. And always they got the warmest sort of a welcome.

The soldier boys certainly do love to hear Mrs. Baker sing. They immediately "fall" for the dash and swing she puts into the war songs which make up the greater part of her repertory; and, of course, Mme. Murat, who is the most appealing of little persons as well as a great artist, delighted them.

Being a grand opera star, she has been accustomed to treat her golden voice with great consideration, and heretofore she would have scouted at the idea of singing more than two evenings in succession. But singing for the soldiers—well, that's "something else again," as the boys say, and she sang five evenings straight without a murmur. Even at that she's far behind Mrs. Baker, who re-



MISS DOROTHY COFFIN,  
Of Yakima, Wash., who is visiting Miss Hazel Jones, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Wesley L. Jones of Washington.

cently "hung up a record" of thirteen recitals in as many evenings.

At any rate, Mrs. Baker and her guest, who is appearing under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service, were too busy to find much time for festivities, and the early hour at which concerts are given in camp made dinner parties out of the question. Instead, when they sang in Camp Humphreys, they left town in the afternoon and "messed" in camp.

Mrs. Baker breathed a sigh of relief when the news of Mr. Baker's safe arrival in France reached her; and in a lesser degree, did some of us who had known of his sailing and had had to keep the news bottled up. It is so easy to drop an indiscreet remark quite inadvertently and to assume unconsciously that what one knows everyone else knows. Indeed, in speaking of this Mrs. Baker moved to make rather caustic comment on indiscretion in general, and went on to give an instance.

It seems that when the Secretary of War went to Europe the first time some months ago Mrs. Baker didn't tell the children for fear that they might let the fact of their father's departure slip out without meaning to. However, within four days of the time Mr. Baker left Washington

the kiddies came home from school wild with excitement, having learned from their playmates the fact that their father had sailed for France. Apparently someone had forgotten the old advice about "little pitchers," and had talked too much. Did you ever see the Baker children when you were here? Jack, who is really a junior—or isn't it Newton D. Baker 3d?—is a fine upstanding little chap and Betty is a dear. She's a pretty child, with chiseled features, and has a singularly winsome manner. There's also another little girl, Margaret, whom I have never seen.

Convalescent Home Ready for Patients.

The convalescent home, just over the way from Walter Reed Hospital, which the Interior Department War Work Association is undertaking to maintain, will be open for patients tomorrow. Everything is in readiness, the trained nurses is installed, and the little hospital is open to visitors today. Mrs. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, who is president of the War Work Association, was rather amused at the attempt in certain newspaper articles to link up this "small venture" in reconstruction work with the very ambitious project for cutting up public lands into small farms for disabled soldiers on which Secretary

SENORA REYES GUERRA.  
Bride of Dr. Don Antonio Reyes Guerra, secretary of the legation of Salvador. She was formerly Miss Elizabeth Hardesty, of Washington.

thing is certain, he will be a man of distinction and a trained diplomat.

It is highly probable that an ambassador will be sent from Chile this autumn to relieve Senor Munizaga-Varela, who has been charge d'affaires for several months. At the time of Dr. Aldunate's death it was announced that his successor would be Senor Suarez-Mujica, who was minister of Chile at the time of the Mexican deliberations and was raised to the rank of ambassador, and served in that capacity for some time. I have heard nothing to the contrary and it is probable that Senor Suarez-Mujica and his interesting family will be arriving in Washington before long. It is also on the cards that

there will be a new minister of Uruguay—it was rumored that the minister to England was to be transferred to this country to succeed the late Dr. de Pena, and that he will arrive within the next few months. Hugo de Pena, son of the late minister and secretary of the legation, has been charge d'affaires since his father's death.

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MME. DOURIF.  
Wife of Major Dourif, of the French aviation mission. With Mme. Dourif, he is in Washington for the period of the war.

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## Fashions, Fads, And Fancies of Smart Society

admit it's only a hunch—that he will return to this country.

I suspect Great Britain is the first country to boast the distinction of being represented in Washington by an ambassador and three ministers plenipotentiary. Mr. Barclay is one and the others are Sir Richard Crawford, commercial commissioner, and Sir Henry Babington Smith, assistant high commissioner.

The appointment of Colonel Collard, assistant military attaché of the French embassy, as military attaché to succeed General Vignal is also highly acceptable, as both Colonel and Mme. Collard are exceedingly popular here. The big in the continent in this instance is the fact that the Vignals will probably be returning to France. They have no definite plans as yet.

Minister of Salvador.

Rock From Top House.

Appropos of diplomats, the minister of Salvador, Dr. Zaldivar, is back after an extended visit in his own country, and the minister of Switzerland, Hans Sulzer, is expected within a month. He, too, has been home on a visit. Dr. Zaldivar took his daughter, Marguerite Zaldivar, home with him and left her with relatives to spend the winter. Mme. Zaldivar spent the summer in New England. She, too, is back, and the legation is again established at 1722 Massachusetts avenue.

Mme. Sulzer expects to remain at Nonquitt, Mass., until her husband gets back unless the weather turns cold too early. Dr. Hubscher, secretary of the legation, who has been charge d'affaires in the absence of Mr. Sulzer, is going home for a three month's visit, leaving Mr. Gederlin, commercial adviser, as charge d'affaires. He, too, will leave his family in this country as hostages for his return. Mrs. Hubscher and her baby will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wesley Schoepf, in Cincinnati.

The Chinese Minister and Mrs. Koo are back at the legation in Nineteenth street, after spending the summer at Blue Ridge Summit, and the Minister of Sweden and Mme. Ekengren came today. Mr. Ekengren went to New York last week to join his wife, who was on route from her summer home at Saratoga, Mass., and they spent a few days there. The Minister of Bulgaria and Mme. Pargaretoff are now in New England, but are expected back at the legation on October 1, and the Secretary of the Legation and Mme. Poullif will return about the same time. The minister of Spain and the members of the legation staff will reach here on September 15. They have been at the summer legation at Bass Rocks, Mass. The Secretary of the Cuban Legation and Mme. de Torralba have recently returned to town after spending several months in Cuba, and are at their apartment at Beverly Court.

Coming Home For War Period.

As good Americans go to Paris when they die, so good army and navy people come to Washington when they retire. Of course, the Capital boasts a large colony of army and

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